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The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Rhode Island stood at 418,000 in June, unchanged from the prior month's level. Monthly employment increases in the Goods Producing industries, Wholesale/Retail Trade and Transportation/Public Utilities were offset by education-related employment declines in Miscellaneous Services. The June job total was 10,500 below the year ago figure of 428,500.

Employment in the Goods Producing sector advanced 1,000 from May to June, but was down 6,900 from the June 1991 level. Contract Construction, at 12,300, and Manufacturing, at 87,100, posted monthly job gains of 600 and 400, respectively. Compared to a year ago, however, the former segment reflected a decline of 2,000 while the latter registered a drop of 4,900. Within the factory segment, manufacturers of Nondurable Goods recorded a monthly upturn of 400, while employment in Durable Goods showed no overall change. Employment levels in Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery, Food-Beverage, Textiles, Paper Products and Plastics Products rose by 100 over the month. These gains overshadowed monthly decreases in Jewelry-Silverware (-200) and Primary Metals (-100). Job totals for the ten remaining factory segments - five each in Durable and Nondurable Goods - showed no change from the previous month.

The June work week averaged 40.9 hours, up 0.4 of an hour from May and one hour from a year ago. Production workers averaged $9.77 per hour in June, reflecting a monthly decline of three cents, but an annual increase of five cents.

The number of jobs in the Service Producing sector totalled 318,600 in June, representing a downturn of 1,000 from May and a reduction of 3,600 from the year earlier level. Seasonal hiring in Trade, which was below normal levels, resulted in a monthly job gain of 700. Job levels in Transportation & Public Utilities increased by 400 over the month. In contrast, Miscellaneous Services employment fell by 2,100, primarily attributable to declines in private education. Employment levels in both Finance, Insurance & Real Estate and overall Government were unchanged from May to June.

Rhode Island's seasonally adjusted rate climbed to 9.7 percent in June, up four-tenths of a percentage point from the May level and 1.2 percentage points from the June 1991 estimate of 8.5 percent. The State's unadjusted unemployment rate in June was unchanged from May's level of 9.4 percent. The jobless total rose by 400 in the May-June period to 49,300. One year ago the number of unemployed was estimated at 42,300, or 8.2 percent of the labor force.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate rose to 7.8 percent in June from the prior month's level of 7.5 percent. The U.S. unadjusted rate increased by six-tenths of a percentage point from an estimated 7.2 percent in May to 7.8 percent in June. One year ago, both the adjusted and unadjusted unemployment rates for the country stood at 6.9 percent.

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RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1992	May* 1992	June* 1991
Civilian Labor Force	522.1	518.3	514.4
Resident Employment	472.8	469.5	472.0
Unemployment	49.3	48.9	42.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	9.4	9.4	8.2
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	9.7	9.3	8.5

*Revised

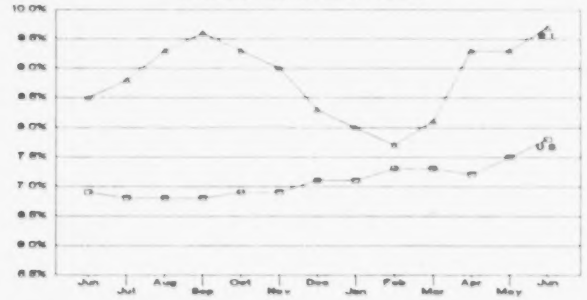
UNITED STATES

Labor Force Statistics
(In Thousands)

	June 1992	May 1992	June 1991
Civilian Labor Force	129,002	126,705	127,054
Resident Employment	118,907	117,535	118,280
Unemployment	10,095	9,169	8,774
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	7.2	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.8	7.5	6.9

R.I. and U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Seasonally Adjusted June 91 - June 92



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands) June 1992	May 1992	June 1991	NET CHANGE FROM May 1992	June 1991
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	418.0	418.0	428.5	- 0	- 10500
GOODS PRODUCING	99.4	98.4	106.3	+ 1000	- 6900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.3	11.7	14.3	+ 600	- 2000
MANUFACTURING	87.1	86.7	92.0	+ 400	- 4900
SERVICE PRODUCING	318.6	319.6	322.2	- 1000	- 3600
TRANS. & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.7	14.3	14.8	+ 400	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.2	87.5	91.2	+ 700	- 3000
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	25.1	25.1	26.7	-----	- 1600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	129.0	131.1	127.7	- 2100	+ 1300
GOVERNMENT	61.6	61.6	61.8	-----	- 200

*Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

JUNE 1992

	EMPLOYMENT (In Thousands)	PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings	Weekly Hours	Hourly Earnings
ALL MANUFACTURING	87.1	399.59	40.9	9.77
DURABLE MFG.	57.9	396.32	40.9	9.69
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.2	398.94	36.6	10.90
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.2	437.09	40.1	10.90
PRIMARY METALS	3.3	478.67	45.2	10.59
FABRICATED METALS	7.2	375.48	39.4	9.53
NONELECTRIC MACH	5.1	566.08	46.4	12.20
ELECTRICAL MACH.	4.5	379.06	39.2	9.67
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	6.2	500.82	41.7	12.01
INSTRUMENTS	6.0	430.25	39.4	10.92
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	17.3	312.66	40.5	7.72
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.9	359.60	39.3	9.15
NONDURABLE MFG.	29.2	407.13	41.0	9.93
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.8	392.70	42.0	9.35
TEXTILES	7.9	384.98	44.2	8.71
APPAREL	1.1	257.35	36.4	7.07
PAPER PRODUCTS	1.9	424.95	43.9	9.68
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.3	436.19	31.7	13.76
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	498.13	41.1	12.12
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	477.58	39.6	12.06
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	456.04	41.8	10.91
LEATHER PRODUCTS	1.4	275.53	40.4	6.82

Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded from the Establishment Employment figures. Current month figures are PRELIMINARY. Prior month and year figures are REVISED.